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1. ON AUGUST 23 GREEK SOCIAL SERVICES UNDERSECRETARY ATHANASSIOS TSALDARIS DURING VISIT TO VARIOUS CYPRIOT REFUGEE SETTLEMENTS PROMISED THAT GOG WOULD DO EVERYTHING IN ITS POWER TO ASSIST REFUGEES. AT PRESS CONFERENCE TSALDARIS ANNOUNCED THAT GOG HAD ALREADY SENT MEDICAL SUPPLIES WORTH \$500,000, AND FOODSTUFFS, TENTS, BEDDING AND OTHER SUPPLIES WORTH \$1.3 MILLION DURING PREVIOUS 10 DAYS. TSALDARIS ESTIMATED THAT FOOD COSTS ALONE FOR REFUGEES WOULD REACH 2 MILLION CYPRIOT POUNDS (OVER \$5 MILLION) MONTHLY, AND APPEALED FOR CONCERTED AND COORDINATED INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE.

2. ON AUGUST 24 FINANCE MINISTER JOHN PESMAZOGLOU MET WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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CYPRIOT OFFICIALS LED BY FINANCE MIN PATSALIDIS TO DISCUSS

GREEK ECONOMIC AID TO CYPRUS. AFTER MEETING GOG REPORTED DECISION TO GIVE 6.5 MILLION CYPRIOT POUNDS (OVER \$17 MILLION) AS FIRST CONTRIBUTION TO CYPRIOT BUDGET; TO COMPLETE PROGRAM OF ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES ALREADY UNDER WAY; AND TO INITIATE CONTINUOUS COORDINATION OF THE TWO GOVERNMENT TO ENABLE CYPRUS TO MEET REQUIREMENTS.

3. IN ADDITION TO GOG COMMITMENT, CONTRIBUTIONS FROM COMPANIES, WORKERS, INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT GREECE CONTINUE TO POUR IN. FOR EXAMPLE, NATIONAL BANK OF GREECE CYPRUS WAR VICTIMS FUND ALONE HAD COLLECTED \$500,000 AS OF AUGUST 23; DONATIONS TO MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AMOUNTED TO APPROXIMATELY \$26,000; 50,000 KGS OF FOOD, 319 KGS OF CLOTHING ET AL. GREEK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY HAS PLEDGED \$100.000 CONTRIBUTION.

4. SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS NOT DIRECTLY TIED TO CYPRUS RELIEF EFFORT HAVE ALSO BEEN MADE TO HELP GOG THROUGH CRISIS PERIOD. SINGLE LARGEST SUM (\$70 MILLION) FROM GREEK SHIPWONERS, AS REPORTED REFTEL A. ALL GREEK WHITE AND BLUE COLLAR WORKERS ARE TO CONTRIBUTE HALF DAY'S PAY FOR THE NATIONAL DEFENSE EFFORT, ACCORDING TO AN ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE GENERAL CONFEDERATION OF LABOR (SEE REFTEL B), FOR AN ESTIMATED TOTAL OF ABOUT \$13 MILLION. TASCA

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